

THE WHITE HOUSE

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LATE ITEM

SOUTH VIETNAM

a. LATE PRESS REPORTS SAY TWO OF THE HEAVIEST VIET CONG ATTACKS IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS WERE LAUNCHED EARLY TODAY AT SEPARATE POINTS 30 AND 45 MILES SOUTH AND WEST OF SAIGON. BOTH WERE APPARENTLY BATTALION-SIZE EFFORTS.

b. THE VIET CONG CLEARLY INTEND TO MAKE A MAJOR ATTEMPT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF KHAM'S COUP TO FOSTER CONFUSION AND FURTHER DISRUPTION. THE SIZE AND BOLDNESS OF THEIR ATTACKS HAVE BEEN STEPPING UP.

c. IN TODAY'S ACTION, GOVERNMENT COUNTERATTACKS ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN REPULSED.

d. ONE OF THE TARGETS INVOLVED, ^{PHU} PHU MY, IS ONE. MIEN'S HOME TOWN, A PLACE WHERE, UNDER THE EARLIER REGIME, A SPECIAL EFFORT HAD BEEN MADE TO IMPROVE  SECURITY.

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1. CYPRUS

A. AS HE DEPARTED TUNIS TODAY TO RETURN TO NEW YORK, U THANT SAID THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL LEAVE TO TAKE UP THE CYPRUS QUESTION, AS ALL OTHER EFFORTS "HAVE FAILED."

B. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING SHOULD ONLY COME AFTER A SERIES OF INFORMAL TALKS.

C. CYPRIOT DELEGATE ROSSIDES TOLD AMBASSADOR STEVENSON YESTERDAY THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ASKING FOR A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING "SOON."

D. HE DID NOT SAY WHEN, ONLY THAT MAKARIOS WOULD PROBABLY ATTEND AND THAT HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS YET TO CALL FOR A MEETING.

E. HE BELIEVED HIS GOVERNMENT WANTED FIRST TO ALLOW SOME TIME FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

F. [REDACTED] INONU IS DETERMINED TO SOLVE THIS MATTER BY NEGOTIATION. HE FEELS THE TIME FOR INTERVENTION HAS PASSED, [REDACTED]

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G. IN GREECE, AMBASSADOR LABOUISSSE SAYS IT IS HARD TO CONVEY THE DEPTH OF GREEK POPULAR FEELING THAT HAS BUILT UP AGAINST THE TURKS, AND FEAR THAT THE US WILL

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SIDE WITH THE TURKS HAS EVOKED A BITTER ANTI-US PRESS
CAMPAIGN IN VIRTUALLY ALL GREEK PAPERS.

H. ON THE ISLAND, VIOLENCE IS STILL CONFINED TO
ISOLATED INCIDENTS.

2. GHANA:

A. WHILE HIS CONTROLLED PRESS REACHES FOR NEW HEIGHTS IN ANTI-AMERICAN INVECTIVE, NKRUMAH IS KEEPING HIS DOOR CLOSED TO AMBASSADOR MAHONEY.

B. MAHONEY FEELS WE SHOULD PUT UP WITH NO MORE INDIGNITIES, AND HE IS BEING CALLED HOME FOR CONSULTATION.

C. EVENTS ARE MOVING VERY FAST, MAHONEY REPORTS, AND MORE DEMONSTRATIONS ARE IN PROSPECT. HE SAYS THE POPULATION AT LARGE SEEMS GENERALLY UNIMPRESSED AND AWARE IT IS ALL BEING STAGEMANAGED BY NKRUMAH'S PARTY AGITATORS.

D. THE US EMBASSY FEELS THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EARLY COUP ATTEMPT BY THE ARMY HAS INCREASED OVER THE PAST MONTH. HOWEVER, THEY STILL NOTE THE CHANCES OF SUCH AN ATTEMPT TAKING PLACE SOON AS LESS THAN EVEN.

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4. CONGO:

A. THE LEFTIST-LED REBELLION IN KWILU CONTINUES UN-CHECKED, SPREADING OVER A WIDER AREA AND ACQUIRING MORE TRANSPORT AND RESOURCES AS IT GOES.

B. IN ADDITION TO CUTTING OFF MINERAL TRAFFIC OUT OF KATANGA, IT IS FORCING UNILEVER TO CLOSE DOWN PLANTATIONS IN THE PROVINCE WHICH COULD MEAN A LOSS OF MILLIONS IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

C. CONGOLESE LEADERS, AMBASSADOR GULLION SAYS, SHOW EITHER A DEFEATIST ATTITUDE TOWARD IT OR LITTLE CONCERN.

D. THEY ARE, HOWEVER, NOW BEGINNING TO SEE MORE CLEARLY THE NEED FOR FOREIGN MILITARY HELP IN TRAINING AND ADVICE, BUT THE PROGRAM FOR HELP FROM THE BELGIANS IS STILL MIRED DOWN.

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5. THAILAND:

A. COUP RUMORS ARE RIFE IN BANGKOK DESPITE THE RELATIVELY SMOOTH TRANSFER OF POWER TO GENERAL THANOM FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF SARIT.

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6. OAS-CUBA:

A. THE PROSPECT OF STRONG OAS ACTION AGAINST CUBA OVER THE VENEZUELAN ARMS CACHE ISSUE IS WANING.

B. A VENEZUELAN BRIEFING TEAM HAS BEEN MAKING THE ROUNDS IN HOPES OF DRUMMING UP SUPPORT BY LAYING OUT THE FACTS. THEY DID MANAGE TO IMPRESS CHILE; EVEN SO, THE CHILEANS WILL PROBABLY NOT VOTE FOR STRONG ACTION.

C. THE TEAM DID NOT SEEM TO GET VERY FAR WITH THE ARGENTINES

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D. BRAZIL HAS BEEN WORKING HARD TO COUNTER BETANCOURT'S EFFORT.

7. NOTES:

A. BRAZIL: NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OVER NATIONALIZATION OF THE US-OWNED AMERICAN AND FOREIGN POWER COMPANY FACILITIES IN THE STATE OF RIO GRANDE DE NORTE HAVE BEEN HUNG UP FOR MONTHS WHILE THE BRAZILIANS DELAY

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TAKING AN INVENTORY OF COMPANY ASSETS. MEANWHILE THE PROPERTIES ARE THE FOCUS OF NATIONALISTS AND LEFTIST AGITATORS WHO THREATEN TO TAKE THE MATTER INTO THEIR OWN HANDS UNLESS SOMETHING IS DONE ABOUT IT RIGHT AWAY. COMPANY OFFICIALS FEAR THAT THE STATE GOVERNOR WILL MOVE TO EXPROPRIATE THE PROPERTIES WITHOUT FURTHER ADO.

B. ZANZIBAR: ZANZIBAR'S PRESIDENT KARUME, HERETOFORE A RELATIVE MODERATE, HAD SOME UNKIND WORDS FOR US IN A WELL-PUBLICIZED INTERVIEW WITH PEIPING'S CHARGE IN WHICH HE DESCRIBED THE US AND THE BRITISH AS THE ENEMIES OF ZANZIBAR. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE MORE MODERATE AFRO-SHIRAZI LEADERS HAVE MADE SUCH STATEMENTS.

C. BERLIN: FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN RESUMED IN THE SOUTHERN CORRIDOR TO BERLIN.

D. CUBA-US: A CREWMAN ON ONE OF THE CUBAN FISHING BOATS NOW BEING HELD IN FLORIDA CLAIMS THAT CREW MEMBERS OF THE FOUR VESSELS WERE ASSEMBLED FOR A BRIEFING BEFORE DEPARTURE AND TOLD THEIR MISSION WAS CONSIDERED A PROBE OF US RESPONSE TO CUBAN FISHING IN US TERRITORIAL WATERS. HE SAYS EACH VESSEL WAS ASSIGNED AN AREA TO FISH WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL WATERS.

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